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Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 23 as set forth below. The claim is presented in "clean" form pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 1.121 (c)(1)(i), as amended effective November 29, 2000. A "marked up" version pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 1.121 (c)(1)(ii), as amended effective November 29, 2000, is set forth on a separate sheets enclosed herewith.

23. (Amended) The computing system of claim 22, wherein:

the first mode includes separating a plurality of information in each transaction into two messages and transmitting the two messages in parallel; and

the second mode includes transmitting the two messages in series on a single half of the signal path.

Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2070.005200JAP.

Respectfully submitted.

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